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Chief of Station, Vienna

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Chief of Base, Munich

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GRBOUNCE/GRGROOND/OPERATIONS
ARB Agent Wartime Evacuation

ACTION REQUIRED: See paragraph 2 below.

1. Here is a revised list of Austrian Rear Base agent personnel and dependents to be evacuated from Austria in the event of war:

GRREPAIR-3* and 1 dependent	2
GRREPAIR-4 and 3 dependents	4
GRAVIMETRY-1 and 7 dependents	8
GRBLAMED-31's 4 dependents	4
Total.....	18

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(*when replaced as Organizer for UW Area #7)

2. We request these 18 people (3 agents, 3 wives and 12 children) be placed on the Austrian Station's evacuation list and that previous GRARB submissions to the German Station evacuation list be removed. All above-listed agents and dependents should be evacuated to a safe-haven; none are to go to a wartime base.

3. GRREPAIR-3 was selected for evacuation assistance because he knows agents GRREPAIR-7, 9, 11 and 15 and the fact they are to remain behind in wartime Austria. GRREPAIR-3 has also spotted a W/T candidate who may possibly be recruited and the names of numerous other Austrians spotted for possible wartime recruitment in Austria. GRREPAIR-4 was selected because he knows GRREPAIR's 6, 16 and 18 and that they are to work for us in Austria in wartime. GRAVIMETRY-1 has knowledge of a W/T operator, GRAVIMETRY-4, and, because of the size and vulnerability of his family (7 children, 6 of whom are girls), has been told he will be assisted in evacuation. Both GRREPAIR-3 and 4 have agreed to Case Officer's evacuation plan and seem willing to make use of it when the time comes, but GRAVIMETRY-1 is doubtful whether he should evacuate Salzburg, feeling it would be too great a task to uproot and move his family. Case Officer has told him we stand ready to give what assistance we can and for his family's sake, agent should carefully consider the advantages

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of moving out of Austria if it is attacked and occupied. GRAVIMETRY-1 has said he will decide and tell his Case Officer soon what action he will plan on. GRBLAMED-31, expected to be a wartime W/T operator, will probably have to live "black" in the event of war and his children are believed to be too young to live with him under such circumstances.

4. To accomplish agent's' evacuation, a rendezvous point has been selected in both Innsbruck and Imst in the Tirol, and meeting times given to each agent together with a visual signal which agent is to display there. Agents understand that they will have to make their own way to Innsbruck or Imst and should leave their present residences only when war commences or the international situation seems on the verge of war. Case Officers have told the agents that Case Officers will make every attempt to inform them when to make their evacuation move but, as both Case Officers and agents realize and agree, this may not be possible for a number of reasons.

5. In addition to the rendezvous points, times and visual signals now arranged, Case Officers will select a Dead Drop in both Innsbruck and Imst and acquaint the four agents with its location and use. These drops will be for the purpose of allowing agents to inform Case Officers of the date of their arrival in either Innsbruck or Imst and their subsequent presence at the rendezvous point. Agents have been told they will be given the D/D locations in the near future; just as soon as they have been selected. ARB has only committed itself to these three agents by saying we will do our best to evacuate them but that we cannot guarantee it, a qualification which agents fully understand. The fourth agent, GRBLAMED-31, will be told the same thing.

6. All other ARB agents are expected to remain in Austria in wartime. As an emergency measure, those agents living east of Innsbruck (the GRRPAIRs and GRAVIMETRY-4) have, or will be, given the Innsbruck and Imst rendezvous points for their use should they find they cannot or should not remain in their areas after war commences. These locations have been given to the GRRPAIR agents and GRAVIMETRY-4 as an interim measure; as other rendezvous points in Innsbruck and Imst are selected they will be given to these agents (for this use, as a last resort contact point only) in order that compartmentation of agent assets may be maintained.

7. Those agents located in Innsbruck and west of there (GRBLAMEDs, GRLAUNCHs and GRIMPASTE) are expected to remain in wartime Austria. Should their position also become untenable during war, it is believed that they would be more successful in leaving their areas and escaping north, south or west without recourse to attempting contact with us in Innsbruck or Imst. Of these GRBLAMED, GRLAUNCH and GRIMPASTE agents, it is believed that only GRBLAMED-31 may wish to evacuate his dependents: a wife and 3 small children. To cover this eventuality, his Case Officer will give GRBLAMED-31 the Imst rendezvous point location, time of meeting and visual signal.

8. The evacuation and emergency contact procedures described in preceding paragraphs are based on the assumption of a wartime Austrian Mission base in

Innsbruck with staff

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Innsbruck with staff employees including ARB Case Officers being there. The four agents involved in immediate evacuation plans and those agents now living east of Innsbruck will be told that these rendezvous points in Innsbruck and Imst (and D/D's supporting them) will be available for use only up to the time the area of Innsbruck is occupied. These agents should then assume that once Innsbruck is occupied, we will have no facilities in Innsbruck or Imst for immediate contact and evacuation assistance and our means of contacting the individual agent will then revert to the primary W/T channel, through the W/T operator, or through the agent's D/D located in his hometown. Communications arrangements with all ARB agents at the present time and, other than for evacuation purposes as explained above, for wartime contact will be detailed in a separate dispatch.

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